

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2004 - 1:30 PM

D.O.T. Headquarters, Conference Room B

Newington, Connecticut

1. Approval of the December 4, 2003 meeting minutes
2. Guest Speaker, TBA
3. Comments from the public
4. Report from operating entities
5. Chairman's report
6. Old business
7. New business

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CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEETING ATTENDANCE

THURSDAY, December 4, 2003

Union Station, Third Floor, West Conference Room

New Haven, Connecticut

VOTING MEMBERS

Dorothy Adamson
Linda Blair
Tom Cheeseman
N. Terry Hall
Morton Katz
Yvonne Loteczka
Russell St. John
Richard Schreiner
Richard Sunderhauf

GUESTS

Brooke Hoberman
Cynthia Lemek

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Fred Riese

CDOT STAFF

Cindy Gollareny
Marge Campanelli

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes

December 4, 2003

(Meeting convened at 1:31 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 6, 2003

Dr. Mark Mitchell was inadvertently omitted from the meeting attendance.

Accepted as revised.

FEATURED SPEAKERS – KEY POINTS

Cynthia Lemek, Executive Director, All Aboard! Inc., explained that her organization consists of approximately 1,000 members in Hartford and the towns of central Connecticut who work to build better communities and strengthen the economic, residential, and environmental quality through the creation of a balanced transportation system. All Aboard! seeks to (1) promote transportation choices that will reduce our dependence on the automobile, (2) encourage higher density development in urban centers, (3) educate and mobilize citizens in shaping our region's growth along Smart Growth principles to improve quality of life in our cities and towns, and (4) secure a competitive position for Connecticut within the global economy. All Aboard! is not a lobbying organization however, many members do make their views known to elected representatives and government officials.

All Aboard! is a member of the Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), a group of 14 organizations representing a statewide coalition of more than 50,000 people. The purpose of the coalition is to advocate statewide transportation policies and user-friendly, environmentally sustainable public transit projects.

Ms. Lemek showed a short slide presentation highlighting transit issues and projects both in CT and nationally. All Aboard! has a website at www.allaboard.org.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORT FROM OPERATING ENTITIES

Richard Sunderhauf distributed the changes to local and express bus fares going into effect January 4, 2004.

Linda Blair reported that the Commission website is active and she is working with the ConnDOT webmaster to update the content.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Cheeseman expressed his concern regarding the State's deficit and its impact on Transit. He reported that city of Middletown has asked him to prepare budget options for zero growth and for 5 % and 10% budget cuts for next year at Middletown Transit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed at length various recommendations for inclusion in the 2003 Annual Report.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.)